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1. Y. HARA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MOFA OCEANIA DIVISION, TOLD EMBOFF THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT HAVE ANY "HOT" ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH AUSTRALIA WHEN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES (MAFF) VISITS CANBERRA, JUNE 26-27 FOR ANNUAL JAPAN-AUSTRALIA MINISTERIAL MEETING. HARA SAID BILATERAL TRADE FOCUSING ON BEEF ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED AS INDICATED BY USHIBA TO STRAUSS, JUNE 12. NAKAGAWA WAS EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION FACING JAPAN'S BEEF INDUSTRY AND MEASURES JAPAN HAS BEEN TAKING TO REDUCE BEEF PRICES. HARA SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NAKAGAWA'S DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE TO CONSIDER LONG TERM ASPECTS OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING JOINT STUDY PROJECTS FOR PROCESSING RAW MATERIALS AND METALS.

2. COMMENT: WE WILL OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN EFFECT JAPANESE-AUSTRALIAN TALKS HAVE ON HIGH QUALITY BEEF

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